



TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE

Stewardship Field Assistant

Posting Date: March 14, 2025

Estimated Project Timespan: June 9 – August 15, 2025

Compensation: \$15/hr. capped at \$500, plus mileage reimbursement from the SMLC office to offsite locations

Estimated number of hours: 33 maximum

Reports to: Stewardship and Outreach Specialist (SOS)

The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) seeks to contract a motivated individual currently going through a course of study in the natural resources to assist the Stewardship & Outreach Specialist with some summer field work. The Assistant reports to and works with the SOS to maintain trails, remove, invasives, post/fix signage, and perform other summer maintenance activities.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Stewardship Intern supports the Stewardship & Outreach Manager and key volunteers with land stewardship projects and tasks. They will work primarily in the Superior Greenway in Superior Township (Washtenaw County), with occasional projects at nature preserves in Oakland, Livingston, and Wayne Counties.

They will perform basic stewardship, outreach, and Conservancy Farm tasks as assigned, including:

- Post, replace, repair, track, and map property and preserve signs
- General maintenance and upkeep of buildings, structures, fences, etc.
- Habitat improvements and invasive species removal including:
 - o Cutting, lopping, digging, and disposing of invasive plants
 - o Safe use of pesticides to treat and control invasive woody and herbaceous plants
 - o Equipment maintenance and care
- Public access and trail creation and maintenance tasks including, but not limited to:
 - o Mowing with commercial grade trail mower
 - o Trail clearing and clean up
 - o Maintenance of public access structures such as boardwalks, railings, benches, etc.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ A commitment to preserving natural areas and open spaces in southeast Michigan
- ✓ 2+ years of completed academic coursework in natural resources, biology, environmental science, or related field
- ✓ A valid driver's license and a licensed, insured vehicle
- ✓ Ability and willingness to traverse varied terrain on foot, and in inclement weather

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✓ Strong oral and interpersonal communication skills
- ✓ Ability to lift heavy objects, operate equipment, and use power tools
- ✓ Knowledgeable about invasive species management
- ✓ GPS and field data collection know-how

POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP SKILLS IN:

- ✓ GIS and mapping
- ✓ Plant identification
- ✓ Data collection and management
- ✓ Invasive species management
- ✓ Facilities maintenance
- ✓ Equipment operation and maintenance

TO APPLY:

Send cover letter, resume, and two (2) references to Alan McTaggart, Stewardship and Outreach Specialist, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, amctaggart@smlcland.org no later than April 25th. The position is open until filled.

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About Us

Mission Statement: The Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy conserves natural land and open space – including forests, wetlands, meadows, agricultural lands, and places of scenic beauty – to provide habitat for wildlife and to enrich the lives of people.

SMLC Purpose: To conserve and manage wildlife habitat in order to foster healthy ecosystems, protect air and water quality, and provide scenic enjoyment. To promote appreciation of the natural world; educate the public about conservation options; and engage communities throughout southeast Michigan in land protection and stewardship activities.

SMLC was founded in 1988 to protect land in the 7-county southeast Michigan region: Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. To date, SMLC has protected over 3,500 acres. smlcland.org